

***AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE FAUQUIER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WAS HELD JANUARY 19, 2000 AT 7:00 P.M. IN WARRENTON, VIRGINIA***

P R E S E N T Mr. Larry L. Weeks, Chairman; Mr. Joe Winkelmann, Vice Chairman; Mr. Harry Atherton; Ms. Sharon McCamy; Mr. Raymond Graham; Mr. G. Robert Lee, County Administrator; Mr. Paul S. McCulla, County Attorney

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

The Board of Supervisors held a public information meeting to receive and respond to questions from the citizens of Fauquier County. The following persons spoke:

- Lawrie Parker, representing the Piedmont Dispute Resolution Center, presented an amendment to the Governor's budget for community mediation centers. Ms. Parker asked the Board of Supervisors to consider adopting a resolution supporting this proposed amendment. Mr. Weeks said that the Board would review the proposal and consider it on a future agenda as well as consider it in the County's lobbying effort.
- Barbara Severin commended the Board of Supervisors for considering a more regular schedule of public information meetings. Ms. Severin asked if tower locations for the County's emergency radio system were subject to public hearing. Mr. Weeks said that the Board would have public hearings on the tower locations because of the importance of the issue. Mr. Atherton said that the towers would require a special exception and that would require a public hearing.
- Mr. Atherton thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- Ms. McCamy said that she has watched the mediation process and was impressed. She also said that she enjoyed participating in the first round of public hearings as a Supervisor on January 18.
- Mr. Graham said that he was excited about having this type of public information forum. He also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- Mr. Winkelmann thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said that he would like to hear from the department heads in attendance about issues of significance in their respective departments.
- Carlton Jacobs said that he thinks collection of overdue taxes is not being handled properly. Mr. Winkelmann informed Mr. Jacobs that the Board had recently taken action to increase the staff in the Treasurer's Office for the third time in two years.
- Beth Ledgerton, Treasurer, said that the debt from overdue taxes has been reduced from \$8 Million to \$4 Million. She also said that she has four full-time tax collectors in her office and that the Board of Supervisors has offered more staff, but she does not have room for more. Ms. Ledgerton said that the Treasurer's Office has also started the PM program by having staff work evening hours in order to collect more taxes.
- Paul McCulla, County Attorney, explained how the attorneys office and the Treasurer work together in an effort to collect overdue taxes. Mr. McCulla said that he has one full-time attorney

working exclusively on real estate tax collection and a part-time attorney working on personal property. He also stated that he felt the Board of Supervisors had done more in the last five years to collect overdue taxes.

- Mr. Winkelmann asked if a reward could be given for finding people who owe taxes.
- Mr. McCulla said the General Assembly has not given localities the authority to give rewards. He then explained the process by which the County finds people in order to collect taxes.
- Mr. Winkelmann said that the Board's Finance Committee would be looking at the possibility of hiring outside people to help collect some of these taxes.
- Broni Lambelet and Bill Downey, newly elected School Board members, spoke briefly on some issues they would be focusing on.
- Joe Higgs, Sheriff, gave an update on the status of the bomb threats at Liberty and Fauquier High Schools. Both the Sheriff and School Board Chairman, Ms. Lambelet, stated they were committed to pursuing civil action against the culprits.
- Phil Myer gave a status report for the Office of Emergency Services.
- Butch Grimsley spoke briefly on behalf of the Fire and Rescue Association.
- Ms. McCamy said that she was glad that the Fire and Rescue Association had toured the proposed Virginia Power Facility near Remington. She asked if there would be further training on possible accidents at this facility. Phil Myer said that there would be further training conducted in conjunction with the Fire and Rescue Association.
- Phyllis Perkins, Registrar, gave a status report on the Registrar's Office.
- Joan Wines, representing the Commissioner of the Revenue, said that their office was getting the tax bills ready to go out and preparing for state income tax season. Ms. Wines reported that the County would also be redistricting in the near future because of the recent census.
- Mr. Lee informed the Board that this would be a reassessment year and that Mark Cornwell would be the staff lead on this project.
- Rick Carr, Director of Community Development, gave a status report on future projects.
- Bob Moore, Resident Engineer with the Virginia Department of Transportation, thanked the Board and staff for cooperating with VDOT throughout the year.
- Barbara Severin, Chairman of the Library Board, said that the Board members should stop by the Library and see the new operating system.
- Bill Downey commended Rick Carr and his staff for doing a good job. Mr. Downey asked

why the extension of Route 676 was not complete. Mr. Moore said that there was additional work that had to be done and they didn't want to do this work under traffic.

- Mr. Downey asked what resolution had been taken to closing the waste collection site at New Baltimore. Ellis Bingham, Director of Environmental Services, said that they were still looking at sites but so far had found nothing. He said they would soon be working with a realtor to find appropriate property for this facility.
- Mr. Bingham announced that the County's recycling rate had gone up to 35% thanks to County residents.
- John Tuohy, Director of finance, gave a status report of activities in the Finance Department.
- Bryan Tippie, Director of OMB, gave a status report on the budget process.
- Talmadge Reeves, Director of Economic Development, gave a status report on developing this new department.
- Roy Burrow, Director of Information Resources, gave a status report of activities in the Information Resources Department.
- Scott Seegers asked about the availability of new maps. Mr. Burrow said the maps should be available within the next month.
- Katie Heritage gave a status report for Court Services.
- Rosemary Downs gave a status report for Comprehensive Services.
- Jan Selbo, Director of Social Services, gave a status report on activities in the Department of Social Services.
- Maria del Rosso, Director of the Library, said that she was pleased with the new operating system.
- Randy Wheeler gave an update of his duties.
- Mr. Lee commended the staff for attending the meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.